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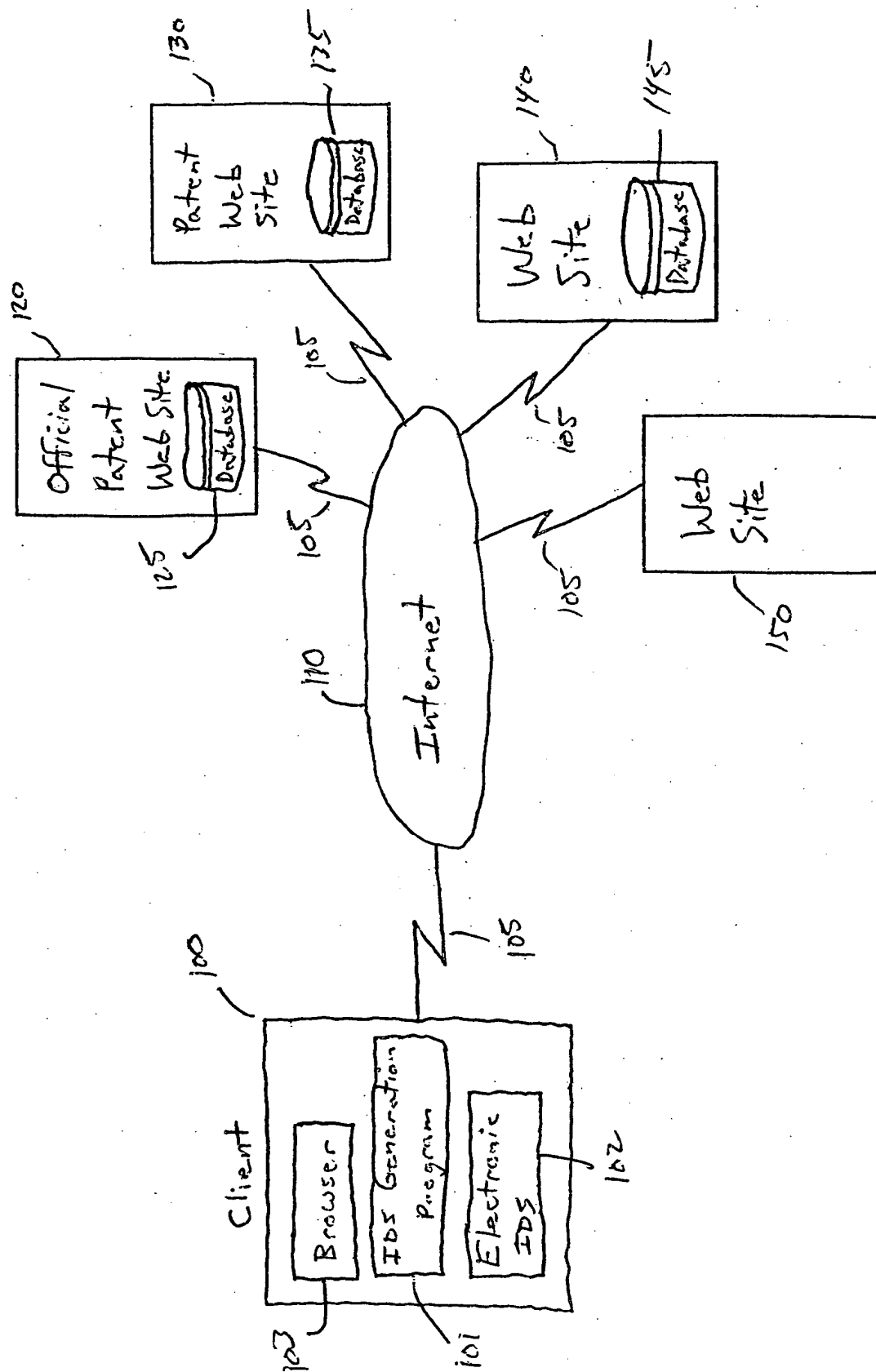


FIG 1

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User searches for electronic documents on a local network or the internet

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User signals IDS generation program indicating that an electronic document contains reference information to be disclosed to a patent office

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IDS generation program associates IDS information with an electronic IDS in response to receiving signal

240A
IDS generation program extracts IDS information from the reference information in response to receiving signal

240B
IDS generation program stores the IDS information in an electronic IDS

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IDS generation program stores pointers to the IDS information in an electronic IDS

250B
IDS generation program extracts IDS information from the reference information in response to receiving signal

FIG 2

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FIG 3A

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FIG 3B

FIG 4

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FIG 4

User Activates IDS generation program

IDS generation program prompts user to either create new electronic IDS or access an existing electronic IDS

Load existing
electronic IDS

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Generate new
electronic IDS

User searches for electronic documents on web site databases

User downloads an electronic document

User signals IDS generation program to indicate that the user has identified an electronic document containing reference information to be disclosed to a patent office

IDS generation program extracts IDS information from reference information

IDS generation program stores the IDS information in an electronic IDS

FIG 5

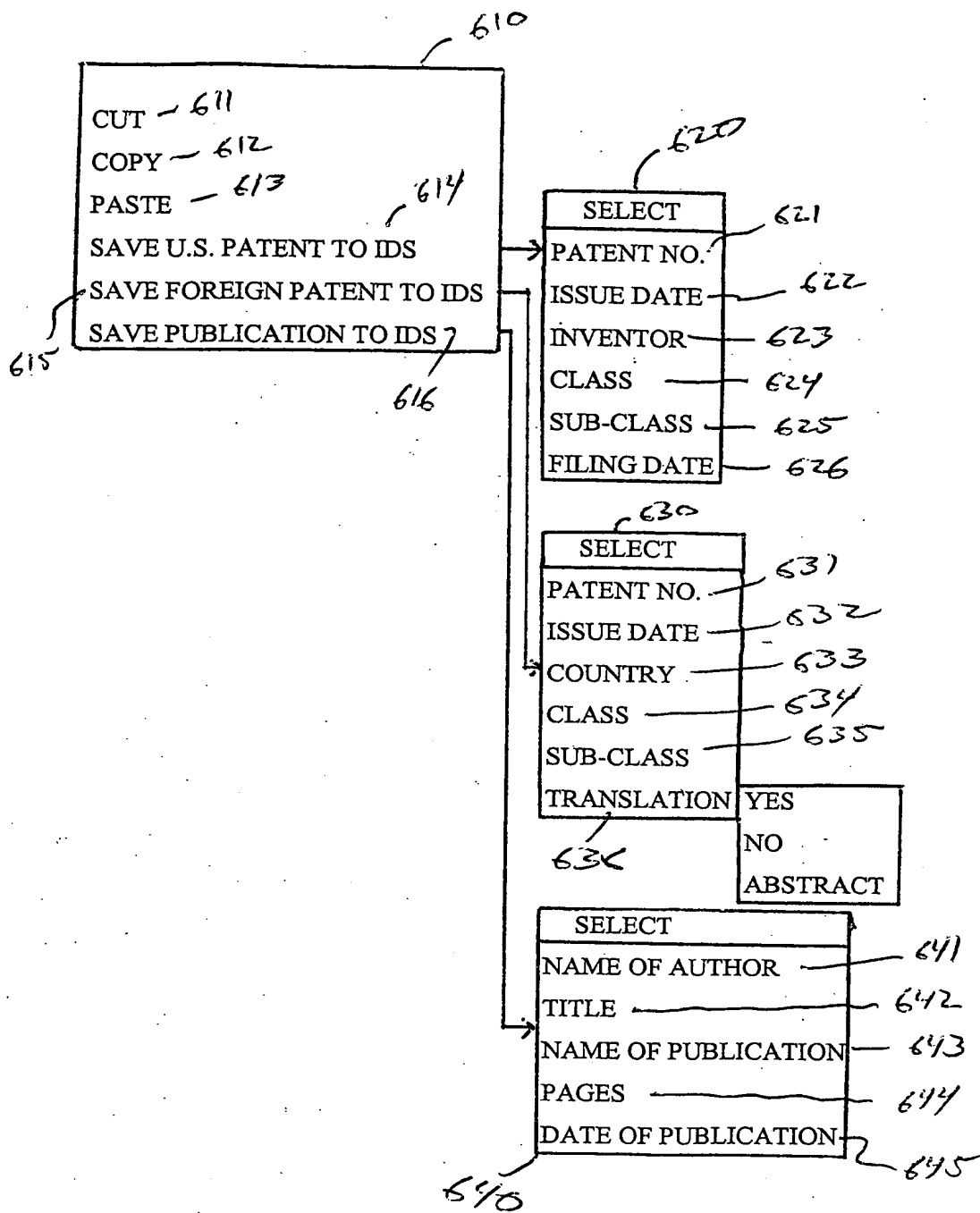


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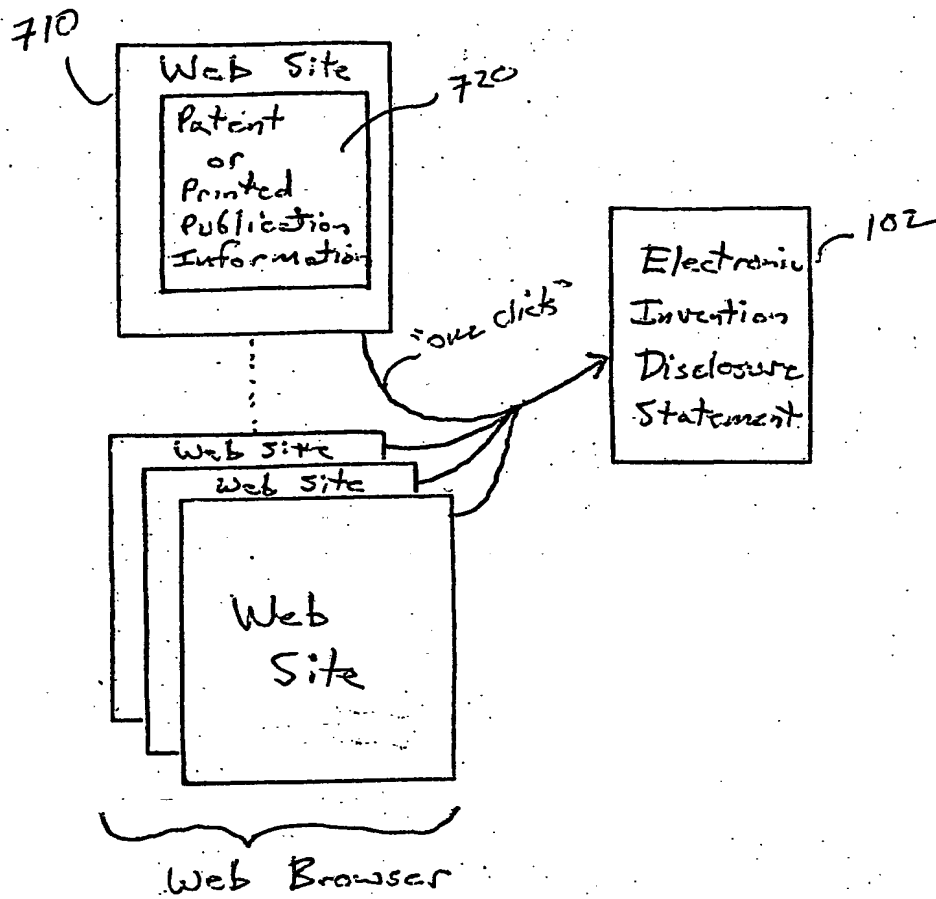


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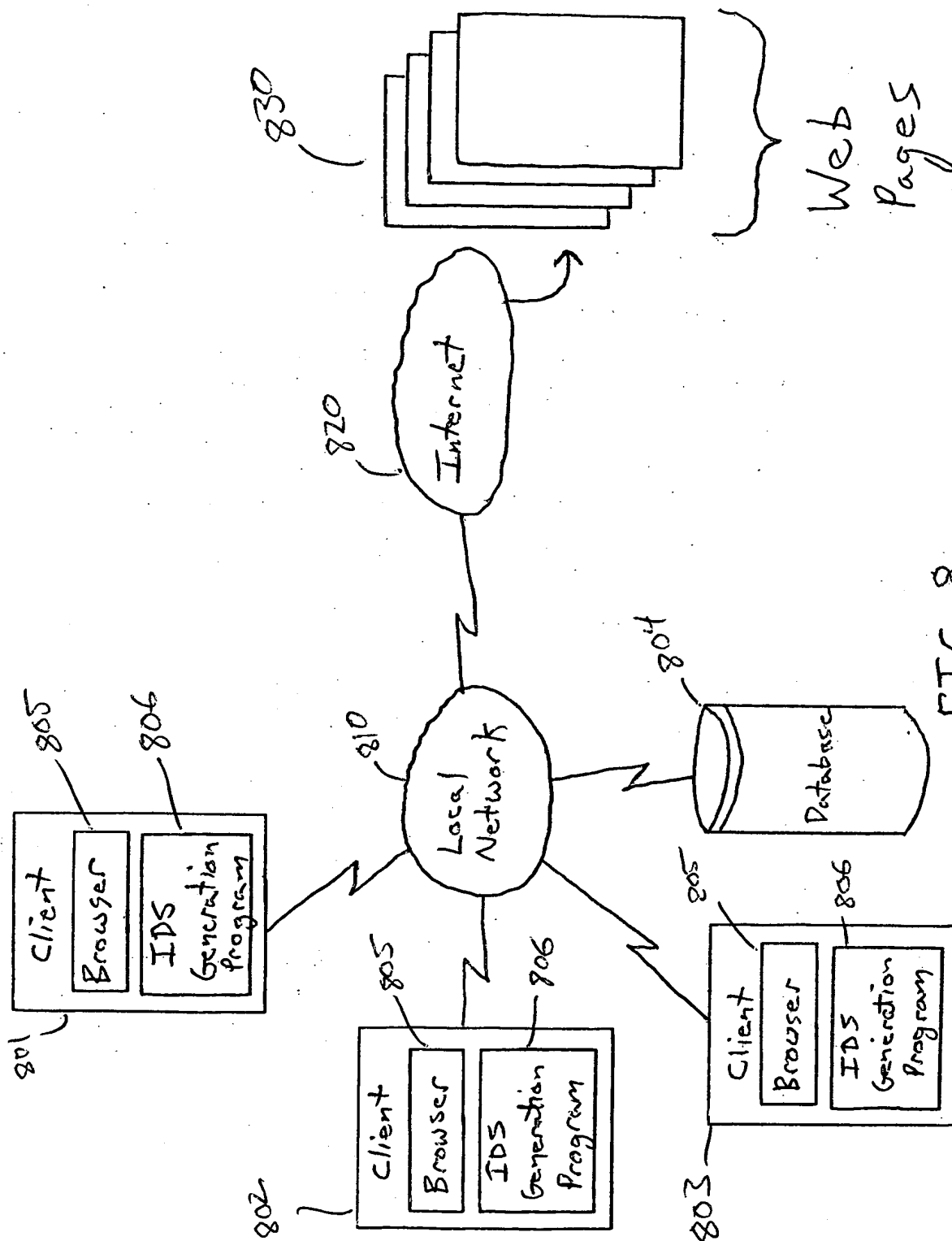


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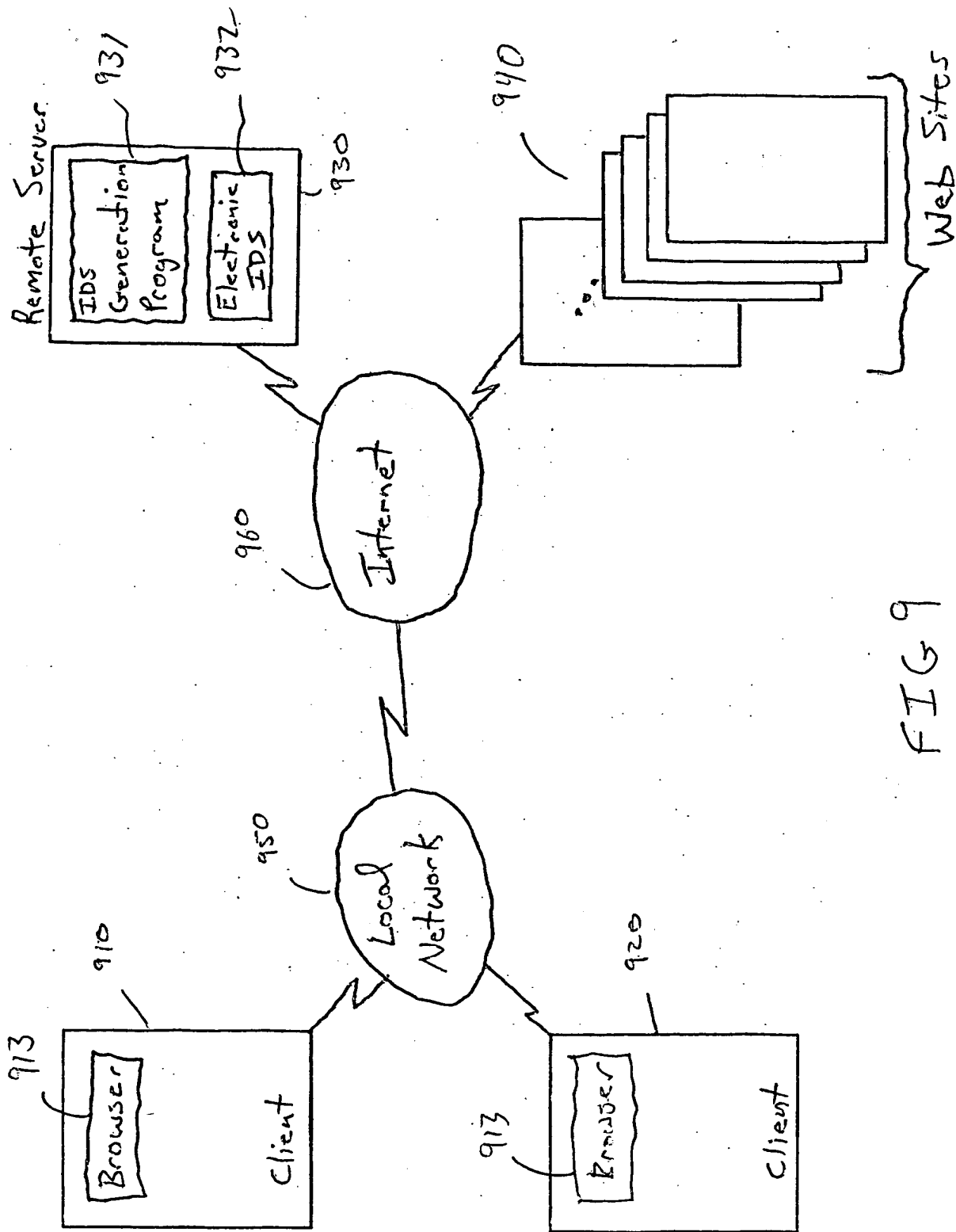


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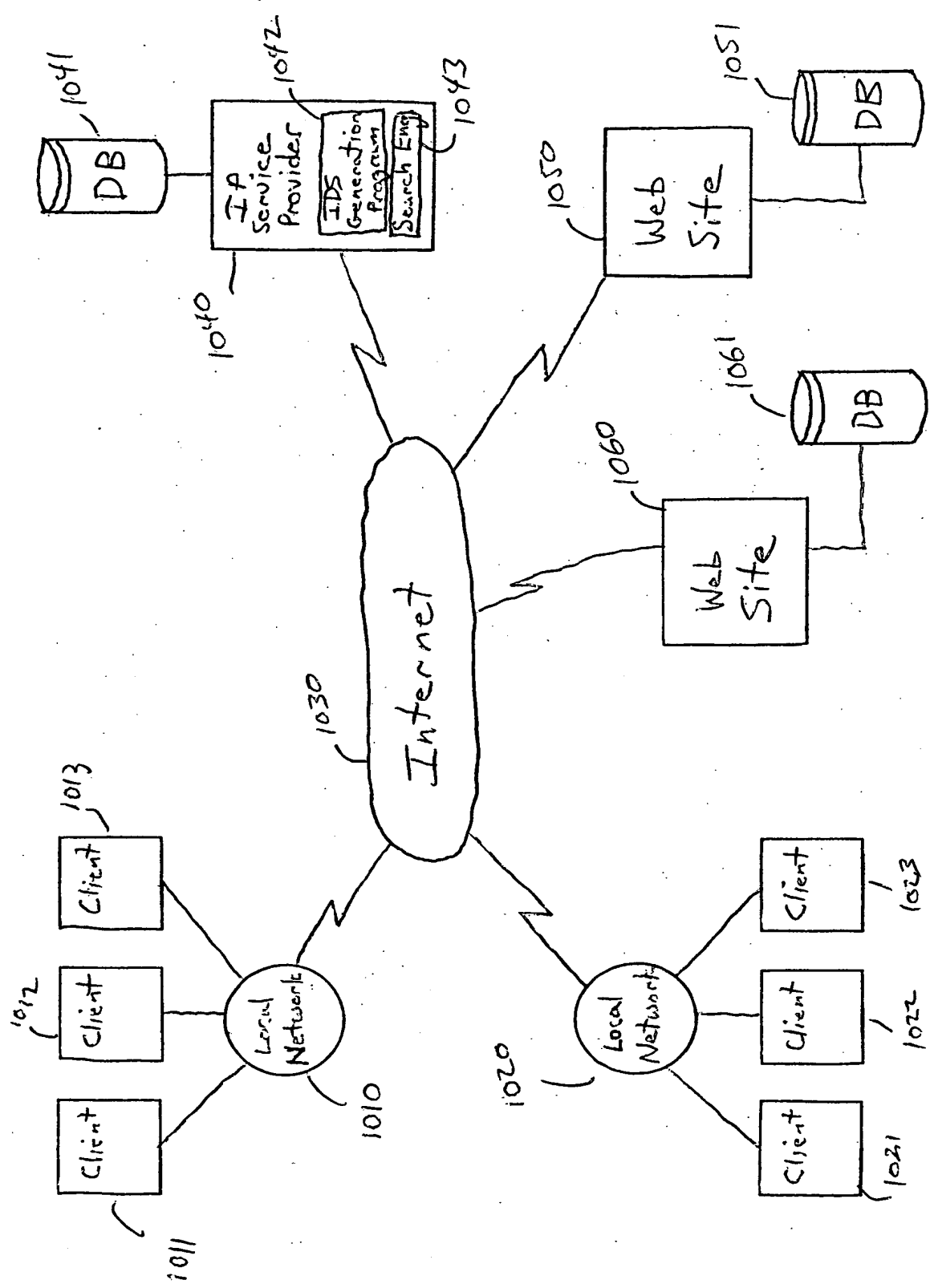


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